



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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[OMB Control No. 2900-NEW]

Proposed Information Collection (Supporting Statement for VA Preparedness Communications Survey)

Activity: Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: The Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each new collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information needed for Veterans, Veteran Representatives and health care providers to request reimbursement from the federal government for emergency services at a private institution.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before [Insert date 60 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov; or Audrey Revere, Office of Regulatory and Administrative Affairs, Veterans Health Administration (10B4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: Audrey.revere@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900- (Supporting Statement for VA Preparedness Communications Survey)" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Audrey Revere at (202) 461-5694.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501 – 3521), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VHA invites comments on:

(1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VHA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on

respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Titles: VA Preparedness Communications Survey.

OMB Control Number: 2900-NEW.

Type of Review: New Collection Request.

Abstract: This collection is being conducted by the Veterans Emergency Management Evaluation Center at the request of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to support current and future operations. VA does not currently have a natural disaster preparedness plan to communicate with patients and ensure their continuity of care. The proposed study will support VA/VHA Office of Emergency Management operations by assessing how best to communicate news of medical facility closures to patients during and after a natural disaster. The proposed survey will support this effort by providing VA stakeholders with high-quality information to inform the development of a disaster preparedness communication plan to reach Veterans with different communication needs.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households,

Estimated Annual Burden: 86,033 burden hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,272.

DATED: November 6, 2014

By direction of the Secretary:

Crystal Rennie, Department Clearance Officer,
Department of Veterans Affairs

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